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SUBJECT: UGANDAN REFUGEES IN ZAIRE

1. DURING RECENT VISIT TO BUKAVU, POLCOUNS HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH LOCAL UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE, DIANA WILLDAY, QUESTION OF UGANDA REFUGEES IN ZAIRE. MS WILLDAY SAID THAT SINCE THE MARCH KILLING OF ARCHBISHOP IN KAMPALA, FEW REFUGEES HAVE COME TO ZAIRE. SHE NOTED THAT ONLY APPROXIMATELY 18 HAVE ARRIVED SINCE MARCH, AND THEY ARE BEING HANDLED ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS. TOTAL NUMBER OF REFUGEES IN AREA WAS NO MORE THAN THIRTY (CONTRARY TO ONE REPORT WE RECEIVED OF SOME 75,000 REFUGEES). MS WILLDAY ALSO CONFIRMED A REPORT THAT SOME 51 BODIES OF UGANDAN NATIONALS WERE FOUND FLOATING IN RIVER AROUND MARCH 23/25. SHE OPINED THAT INDIVIDUALS WERE KILLED AS THEY TRIED TO FLEE TO ZAIRE.

2. WHEN ASKED WHY FIGURE FOR UGANDA REFUGEES WAS SO SMALL, MS. WILLDAY REPLIED THAT INVARIABLY THOSE TRYING TO FLEE COUNTRY WERE CAUGHT BEFORE THEY COULD CROSS THE BORDER AND WERE FREQUENTLY SHOT.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY AND CONSULATE WILL PURSUE UGANDA REFUGEE PROBLEM FURTHER IN VIEW DISPARITY IN FIGURES  
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GIVEN ON NUMBER OF REFUGEES. WE TEND, HOWEVER, TO PLACE MORE CREDENCE IN FIGURES GIVEN BY MS WILLDAY.  
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